



# THE BEAT

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## MONTANA TRIBAL NEWS:

### TRIBES SEEK TO TAKE OVER REGULATION OF CERTAIN UNDERGROUND WELLS

By SUSAN GALLAGHER AP Writer

HELENA, Mont. (AP) -- Tribes of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation want to take the federal government's place in regulating a type of well associated with oil and natural gas projects on the northeastern Montana reservation.

### RECIPIENT OF THE 2008 GOVERNOR'S ARTS AWARDS: Corwin "Corky" Clairmont, Pablo—Visual Arts/Service to the Arts



SKC's own Corwin "Corky" Clairmont will receive the 2008 Governor's Arts Award in Visual Arts/Service to the Arts on Feb. 8th during a ceremony in the Old Supreme Court Chambers at the State Capital.

### MONTANA RFP ISSUED FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR ANGEL NETWORK TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT Request for Proposal No. RFP08-16120

MATR February 12, 2008

The Governor's Office of Economic Development seeks to establish a network of angel investment groups in Montana. A Montana Angel Network of accredited investors should provide guidance and funding to early-stage opportunities in Montana. Typically, Angel Investor members do not just invest their money in start-ups; they invest their time and expertise to help ensure companies growth and success.

Through active participation, members help entrepreneurs with strategic decision-making, financial guidance, and industry connections. Angel group development is an invaluable tool for local economic development by providing capital to fill the gap in start-up financing. Organized angel groups increase the access to equity capital for businesses and increase the probability of business success.

This RFP is available on the State of Montana, State Procurement Bureau website at: <http://gsd.mt.gov/osbs/default.asp> in the Information Technology category. Contact:

*Tuesday, February 12, 2008*

Robert Oliver, Contracts Officer,  
[roliver@mt.gov](mailto:roliver@mt.gov), (406) 444-0110

## **STUDY OF NATIVE AMERICAN GENES SEARCHES FOR WAY TO REDUCE CANCER**

By Jennifer McBride, Lake County Leader 02/07/08



Photo by Jennifer McBride -- St. Ignatius Tribal Clinic nurse Milissa Grandchamp draws blood from the arm of fellow nurse Brenda Morton.

The future of cancer on the Flathead Indian Reservation could be changed by a tablespoon of blood.

The Montana Cancer Institute Foundation (MCIF), in collaboration with

the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal Health Department, is sponsoring a new program looking at Native American genes. Researchers are hoping to find out whether Tribal people might have certain genetic traits that can help fight cancer, or identify barriers to recovery.

## **JOB VACANCIES:**

**RN/CASE MANAGER, POSITION #61136013**, State of Montana, Department of Administration, Helena. Salary \$42,336 to \$60,964 DOQ. This position provides case mgmt to high cost/high risk cases. Application deadline: 5:00 pm Monday February 25, 2008. For a complete vacancy announcement contact our website at: [http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P\\_EMPR\\_ID\\_SEQ=48576&P\\_JORD\\_APPL\\_SEQ=307](http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_EMPR_ID_SEQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=307)

**FIELD PROJECT MANAGER, Position #6110233**, State of Montana, Department of

Administration, Helena. Salary \$42,548 to \$53,185 DOQ. This position provides project oversight and technical assistance during the construction phase of building and heavy/civil projects statewide. Application deadline: 5:00 pm Friday February 29, 2008. For a complete vacancy announcement contract our website at [http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P\\_EMPR\\_ID\\_SEQ=48576&P\\_JORD\\_APPL\\_SEQ=309](http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_EMPR_ID_SEQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=309)

**LEGAL INVESTIGATOR, POSITION #61166251**, State of Montana, Department of Administration, Helena. Salary \$38,797 to \$48,496 DOQ. Investigates legal claims, conducts legal research, and provides litigation support for defense of tort and civil rights lawsuits involving state agencies. Application deadline: 5:00 p.m Friday February 29, 2008. For a complete vacancy contact our website at [http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P\\_EMPR\\_ID\\_SEQ=48576&P\\_JORD\\_APPL\\_SEQ=306](http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_EMPR_ID_SEQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=306)

**SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELOR**  
Position No.: 64104055  
Division: Pine Hills Youth Correctional Facility  
Bargaining Unit: No  
Location: Miles City  
Supplement: No  
Status: Permanent/Full-time  
Shift: TBD  
Salary: \$18.817  
Pay Band: 5  
Application Deadline: No later than 5:00 p.m., February 26, 2008  
Application materials are available on the web at <http://mt.gov/statejobs/statejobs.asp>

**PROBATION AND PAROLE OFFICER**  
Position No.: 24702  
Division: Community Corrections  
Pay Plan: 020  
Location: Glasgow  
Bargaining Unit: MEA-MFT  
Status: Permanent/Full-Time  
Supplement: No  
Salary: \$16.447/hour new to State employment  
Shift: To be determined  
Application Deadline: No later than 5:00 p.m., February 19, 2008  
Application materials are available on the web at <http://www.mt.gov/statejobs/statejobs.asp>

**AQUATIC BIOGEOCHEMIST:** The University of Montana, Division of Biological Sciences, invites applications for a tenure-track position at The Flathead Lake Biological Station, at or above the

assistant professor level, in freshwater biogeochemistry. Applicants with multidisciplinary research interests and experience in biogeochemistry of river and lake ecosystems are encouraged to apply. Applicants must have a strong record of scholarly activity and a demonstrated ability to secure and maintain a successful research program. The position is full time at FLBS with a periodic teaching expectation on the Missoula and FLBS campus. The position includes half-time salary from UM (0.5 FTE of an academic year), with remaining salary supported through extramural research. The appointee will establish an externally funded research program, supervise the Freshwater Research Laboratory at FLBS, and mentor graduate students. A Ph.D. and postdoctoral research experience in aspects of aquatic biogeochemistry are required. Salary will be commensurate with experience and standing in the research community. A letter stating research interests, teaching philosophy and rationale for the application, and a current vita including contact information for three references should be sent to [biogeochemist@umontana.edu](mailto:biogeochemist@umontana.edu). Review of materials will begin on March 10, 2008. See [www.umt.edu/flbs](http://www.umt.edu/flbs) for more information. The Division is interested in hiring a candidate who will enhance the ethnic and gender diversity of its faculty. UM is an EEO/AA employer and the recipient of an active NSF ADVANCE award.

**LANDSCAPE ECOLOGIST:** The University of Montana (UM), Division of Biological Sciences, invites applications for a tenure-track position at the Assistant/Associate Professor level in landscape ecology to be based at the Flathead Lake Biological Station (FLBS). We are particularly interested in applicants with multidisciplinary research interests in terrestrial-aquatic linkages. Applicants must have a Ph.D. in an appropriate discipline and a record of outstanding scholarly activity. Postdoctoral research experience in aspects of landscape ecology is desirable. The appointee is expected to establish an externally funded research program, mentor graduate students, and teach periodically at the FLBS and on the Missoula campus. The position includes half-time salary from UM (0.5 FTE), with remaining salary to be supported through extramural research funds. Please send a letter of application (including statement of research interests and teaching philosophy) and a CV by e-mail to [Landscape.Ecologist@mso.umt.edu](mailto:Landscape.Ecologist@mso.umt.edu). Please arrange to have three letters of reference sent by this date as well. Review of applications will

begin 10 March 2008. Please contact the Search Committee Chair ([fred.allendorf@umontana.edu](mailto:fred.allendorf@umontana.edu)) or see [www.umt.edu/flbs](http://www.umt.edu/flbs) for more information. UM is an EEO/AA employer and the recipient of an active NSF ADVANCE award

## **EVENTS/TRAINING:**

### **LECTURE DELVES INTO BLACKFOOT INDIAN STORY**

An upcoming UM lecture by Eldon Yellowhorn (Otahtotsskinna) will examine a traditional Blackfoot story about the origins of large-scale communal hunting on the northern Plains.

"The Lost Boys' and Buffalo Jumps" is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19, in Gallagher Business Building Room 106. Part of UM's Charter Day celebration, the event is free and open to the public.

### **AMERICAN INDIAN ACTIVIST TO SPEAK AT UM**

Winona LaDuke, a leading international activist for American Indian and environmental causes, will give the next installment of UM's President's Lecture Series on Monday, Feb. 25.

LaDuke's presentation -- "Creating Just Societies: The Environment, the Economy and Human Relations in the Next Millennium" -- will focus on what is required for the creation of just societies that are in harmony with nature. The event will take place at 8 p.m. in the Montana Theatre, located in UM's Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center.

### **BUSINESS GROWTH SEMINAR "EUREKA! WINNING WAYS".**

**02/25, Helena**

9:00 AM

Red Lion Colonial 2301 Colonial Drive  
Montana Manufacturing Extension Center (MMEC)

<http://www.mtmanufacturingcenter.com/> is offering a free three-hour seminar on the scientific method for growing your business called "Eureka! Winning Ways."

The seminar will be held in Helena on Monday, February 25th at the Red Lion Colonial from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. There is no fee for the seminar but pre-registration is required. Register with Todd Daniels at 406-841-2745 or [tdaniels@mt.gov](mailto:tdaniels@mt.gov).

*Tuesday, February 12, 2008*

State governments  
County governments  
City or township governments  
Special district governments  
Public and State controlled institutions of higher education  
Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)  
Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)  
Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education  
Private institutions of higher education

**Agency Name:** Housing and Community

**Description:** This Notice announces the availability of \$6,255,900 of competitive grant funds for the RCDI program through the Rural Housing Service (RHS), an agency within the USDA Rural Development mission area herein referred to as the Agency. Applicants must provide matching funds in an amount at least equal to the Federal grant. These grants will be made to qualified intermediary organizations that will provide financial and technical assistance to recipients to develop their capacity and ability to undertake projects related to housing, community facilities, or community and economic development.

**Link to Full Announcement**

[Rural Community Development Initiative \(RCDI\)](#)

### **INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR RURAL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY GRANTS**

Document Type:	Grants Notice
Funding Opportunity Number:	RDBCP-2008-RBOG
Opportunity Category:	Discretionary
Posted Date:	Feb 11, 2008
Creation Date:	Feb 11, 2008
Original Closing Date for Applications:	Mar 31, 2008
Current Closing Date for Applications:	Mar 31, 2008
Archive Date:	Apr 30, 2008
Funding Instrument Type:	Grant
Category of Funding Activity:	Agriculture Business and Commerce Community Development

Category Explanation:

Expected Number of Awards:	13
Estimated Total Program Funding:	\$2,635,110
Award Ceiling:	\$150,000
Award Floor:	\$50,000
CFDA Number:	10.773 -- Rural Business Opportunity Grants

Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: No

#### **Eligible Applicants**

State governments  
County governments  
City or township governments  
Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)  
Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

**Agency Name:** Business and Cooperative Programs

**Description:** The Rural Development State Offices administer the RBOG program on behalf of USDA Rural Development at the State level. The primary objective of the program is to improve the economic conditions of rural areas. Assistance provided to rural areas under this program may include technical assistance for business development and economic development planning. To ensure that a broad range of communities have the opportunity to benefit from the program, no grant will exceed \$50,000, unless it is a multi-State project where funds may not exceed \$150,000. As indicated in the summary, these limits do not apply to specified funding for Native American, Empowerment Zones,

Enterprise Communities, and Rural Economic Area Partnerships.

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## **SAVE THE DATE**

THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR'S OFFICE OF INDIAN ENERGY AND  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH  
THE TUCK SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AT DARTMOUTH COLLEGE &  
THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE'S MINORITY BUSINESS  
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY ARE SPONSORING A THREE-DAY TRAINING  
SESSION ENTITLED:

# **"BUILDING SUCCESSFUL NATIVE AMERICAN BUSINESSES"**

**March 25, 26 AND 27, 2008**



## **THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR ATTENDANCE**

CONFERENCE LOCATION: MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY-BILLINGS  
207 N. BROADWAY  
BILLINGS, MT  
1-406-657-2363

HOTEL INFORMATION: CROWN PLAZA HOTEL  
27 N. 27<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
BILLINGS, MT 59101  
1-406-238-4302

\*\*\*ROOM RATE \$70.00 PER NIGHT WITH GOVERNMENT ID AND \$89.00 FOR ALL  
OTHERS\*\*\*

## **WHO SHOULD ATTEND?**

TOP MANAGEMENT TEAMS OF ESTABLISHED COMPANIES LOOKING  
TO IMPROVE AND ENHANCE COMPANY PERFORMANCE.  
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PURSUING THIS OPPORTUNITY OR REQUIRE  
MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT VIC CHRISTIANSEN AT (202)  
219-0739 OR ELEANOR KINDNESS OF NADC AT (406) 259-4302.

